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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Ubaldo CONTE *et al.* Confirmation No.: 3809
Serial No. : 10/507,345 Customer No.: 35437
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For : **A System for the Controlled Release of Active Ingredients**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a Three-month extension of time to respond to the March 14, 2006 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before September 14, 2006. A check in the amount of \$1,020 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) (3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 28069-603 NATL. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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